

SONIC

THE COMIC

WITH

TAILS!

KNUCKLES!

COMPLETE
SONIC
STORY

**PORKER
GETS THE
CHOP IN
THE
BIG
DECISION!**



**PLUS
ECCO THE DOLPHIN & ZONE!**

**SPIKES
THE BADNIK
PIN-UP!**



CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Just because I'm a droid, it doesn't mean my circuits aren't choked by what's happening on the front cover (I always said I was a unique droid). Can Porker really be taking his final faltering steps as a freedom fighter? You'll just have to read the Sonic story, The Big Decision, to find out. Listen up 'cos here's what else is happening this issue ...

Knuckles faces trouble ahoi in the Ghost Ship! The Shining Force are up against more weird goings on as the Curse of Zeon continues, plus it's time for Tails to 'turn and burn' in part four of Fox on the Run. There's a Spikes Badnik Pin up for your walls and the Q Zone brings you hints and tips from the classic Ecco the Dolphin game.

No Boomer worth their weight in gold rings would pass up the next megaticious issue! STC 77 comes complete with **FREE** Button Covers (see the Next Issue page). Speaking of which, it's about time I buttoned up, so see you all in two weeks!

Megadroid

STREET CRED!

Back in issue 67, STC joined in the 35th Anniversary celebrations of the UK's best known street. The Coronation Street Crimbo Compo invited Boomers to name the Street's famous pub, which is of course, The Rovers Return.

The following 30 winners will each receive a much sought after Jack & Vera T-shirt (XL size only):-

Emma Ashworth, Blackpool, Lancs.
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Benjamin Clarkson, Bradford, W. Yorks.
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Catherine Rockell, Reading, Berks.
Matthew Salmon, Callenrocks, Tyne & Wear.
Matthew Stewart, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
Matthew Thornley, Fishponds, Bristol.
Mrs P Waugh, Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland.
Richard Worral, Darlington, Co. Durham.
David Yeoman, Lower Bagthorpe, Nottingham.

The following 15 winners will each receive a Street Talk tape:-

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Gary Brown, Tollbar, Doncaster.
Matthew Carwardine, Cardiff, Wales.
Ann Cornish, Clitheroe, Lancs.
Sally Cresswell, Rowhams, Southampton.
Michael Ellor, Warrington, Cheshire.
Glen Fyvie, Basildon, Essex.
Daniel Huley, Convey Island, Essex.
Rebecca Haykin, Hitchin, Herts.
Glen Heasman, Sheerness, Kent.
Amanda Hill, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
Mrs R Jenkinson, New Ollerton, Notts.
R Leeming, Fishponds, Bristol.
Simon Miller, Darlington, Co Durham.
Christopher Williams, South Glamorgan, Wales.

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everybody who entered.

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SEGA CHARTS
COMPILED BY
GALLUP



↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ● SONIC & KNUCKLES
- 3 ↑ MICRO MACHINES '96
- 4 ↓ PREMIER MANAGER
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 7 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 8 ● ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ↓ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 RE STREET RACER

MEGA-CD

- 1 ● EARTHWORM JIM
- 2 ↑ SOULSTAR
- 3 ↓ B.C. RACERS
- 4 ↑ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 5 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 6 RE ROAD AVENGER
- 7 RE SNATCHER
- 8 RE THUNDERHAWK
- 9 ↓ LETHAL ENFORCERS
- 10 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS

MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● STREETS OF RAGE
- 3 RE ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 4 NEW MASTER OF DARKNESS
- 5 ↓ ASTERIX & THE SECRET MISSION
- 6 ↑ OTTIFANT
- 7 ↓ JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD
- 8 ↑ DESERT SPEED TRAP
- 9 RE DESERT STRIKE
- 10 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GAME GEAR

- 1 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 3 RE THE LION KING
- 4 ↑ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 5 RE MORTAL KOMBAT 2
- 6 ↓ CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 7 RE SONIC CHAOS
- 8 ↓ SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 9 RE MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 NEW PRIMAL RAGE

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Big Decision

COMPLETE STORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

Art: RICHARD ELSON

Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE

IN A SECLUDED SPOT ON THE
EDGE OF THE METROPOLIS
ZONE CITY ...

WHAT?

I ... I'M SORRY,
SONIC. I JUST CAN'T GO
ON ANY MORE ...

I
QUIT!

PORKER ...
WHAT'S WRONG
BUDDY?

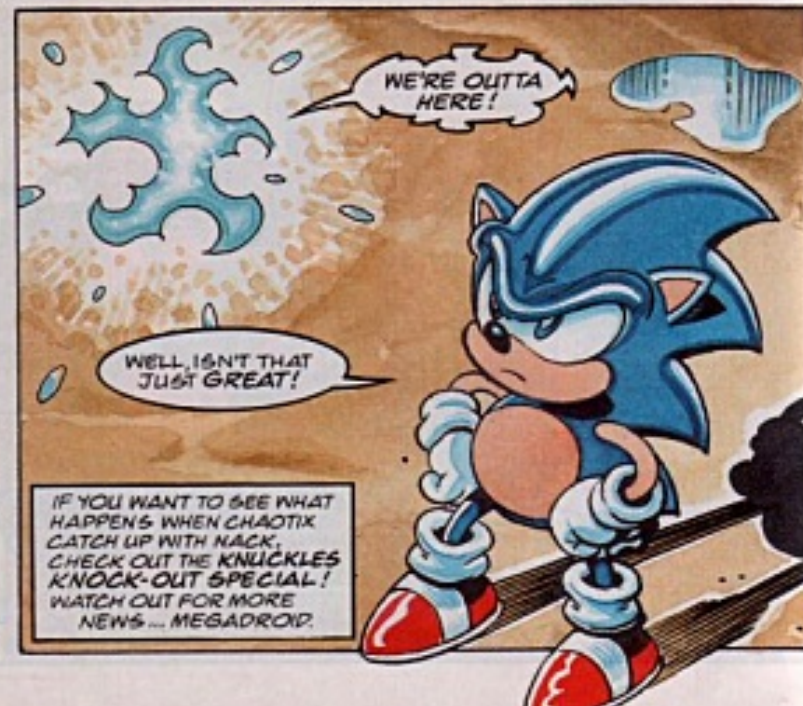
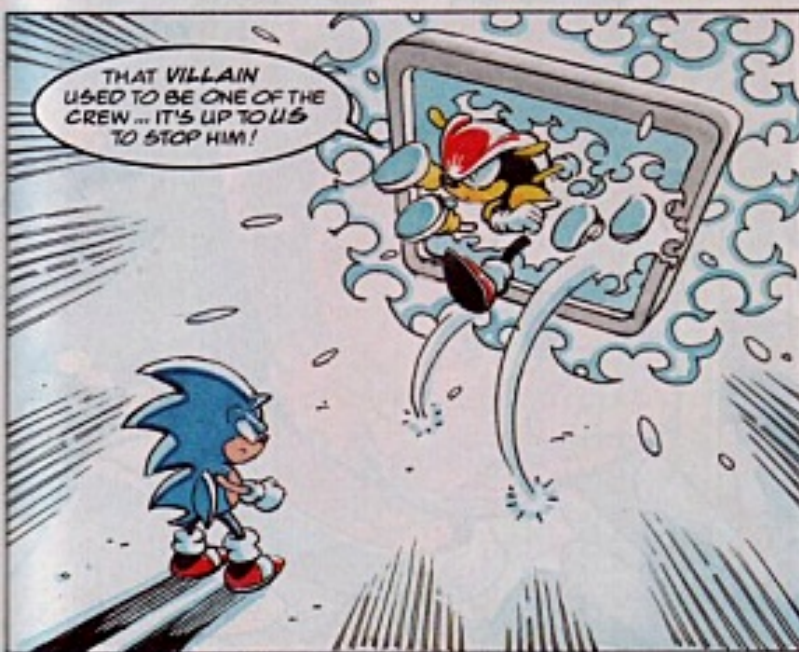
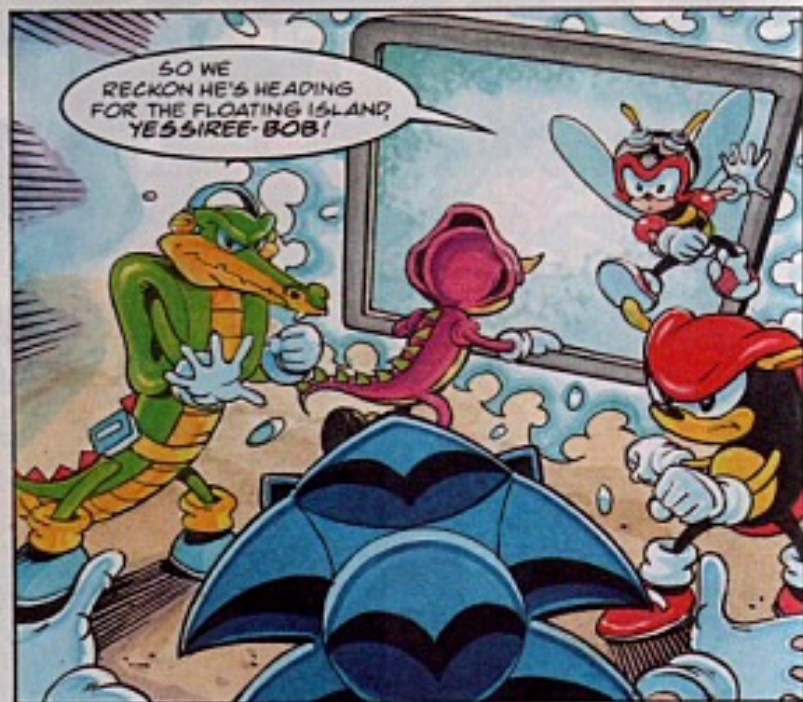
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YOU TALKING ABOUT,
LEWIS?

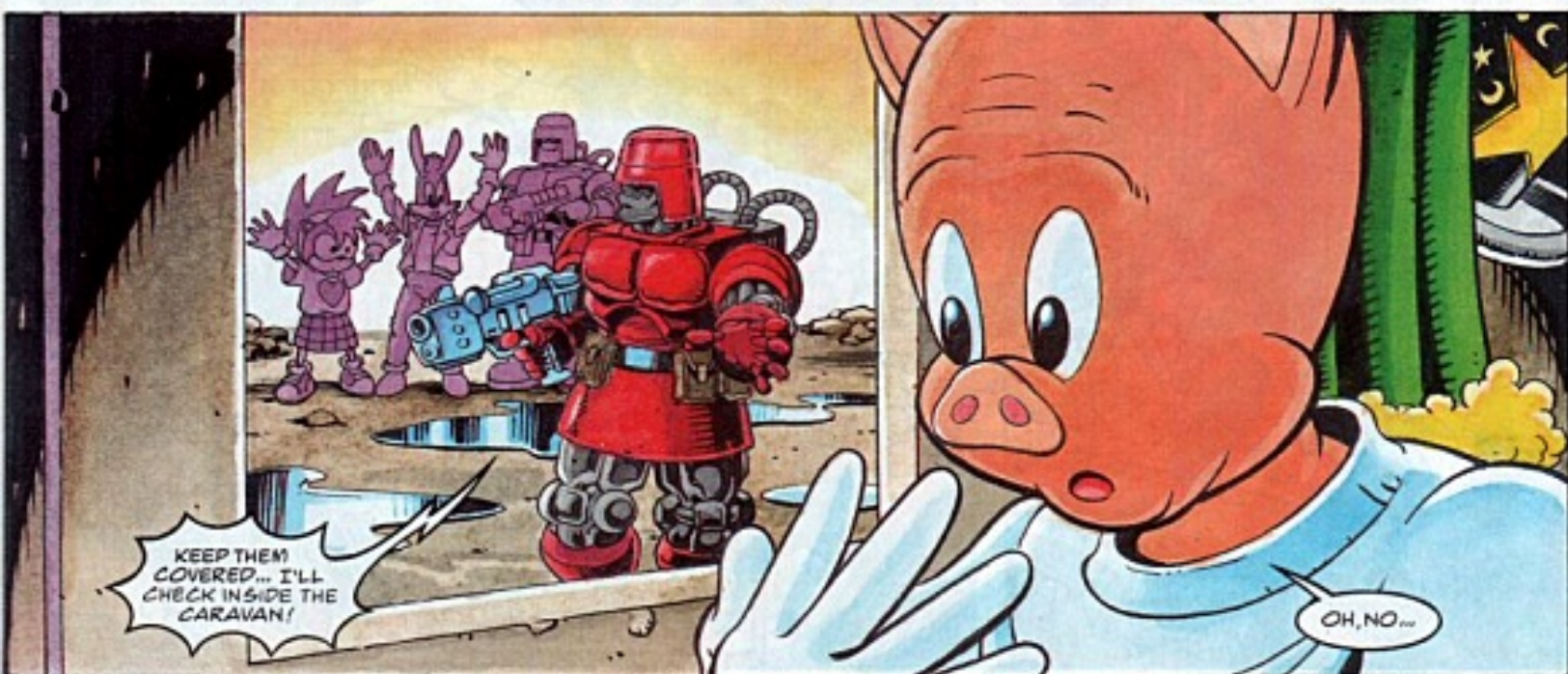
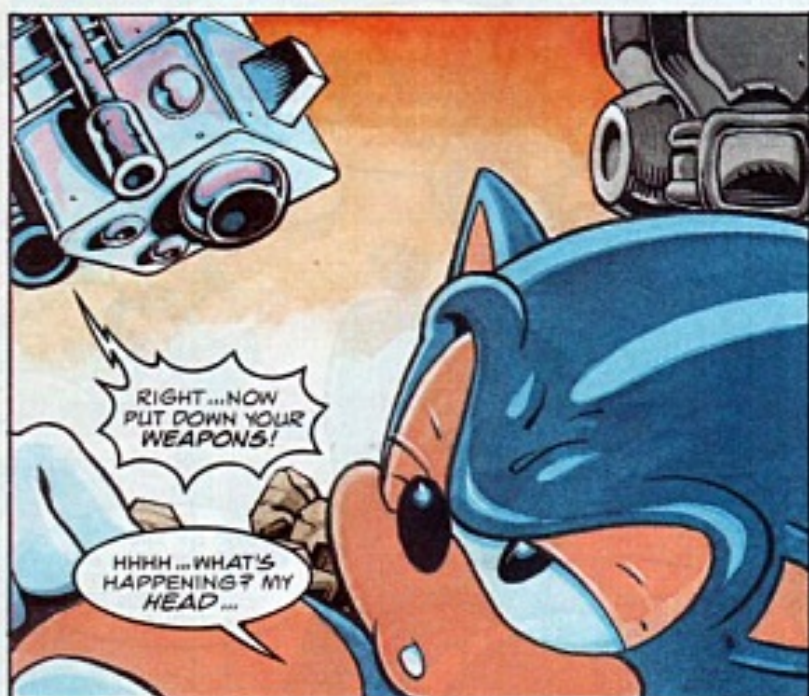
WE'RE BATTLING
AGAINST ROBOTNIK FOR
THE SURVIVAL OF PLANET
MOBIUS ... THIS ISN'T SOME
SORT OF GAME!

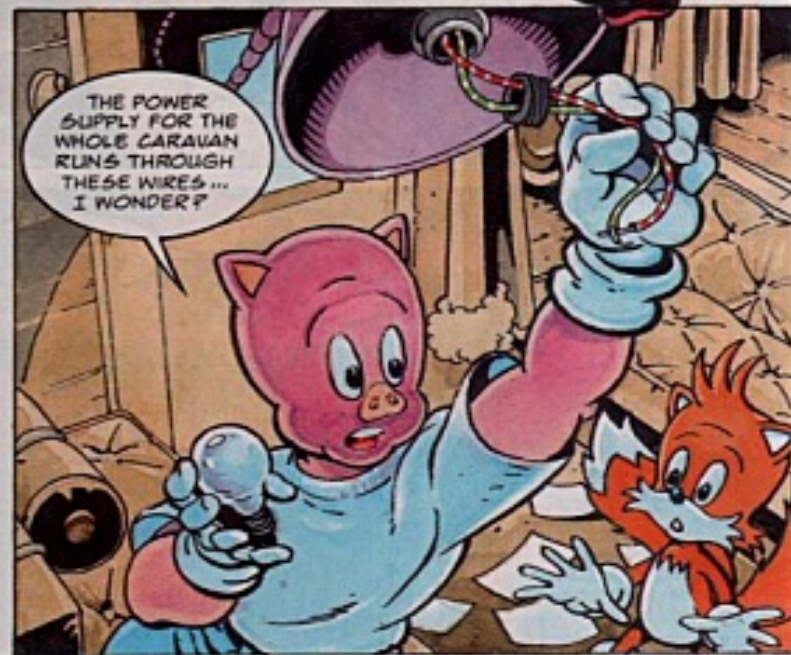
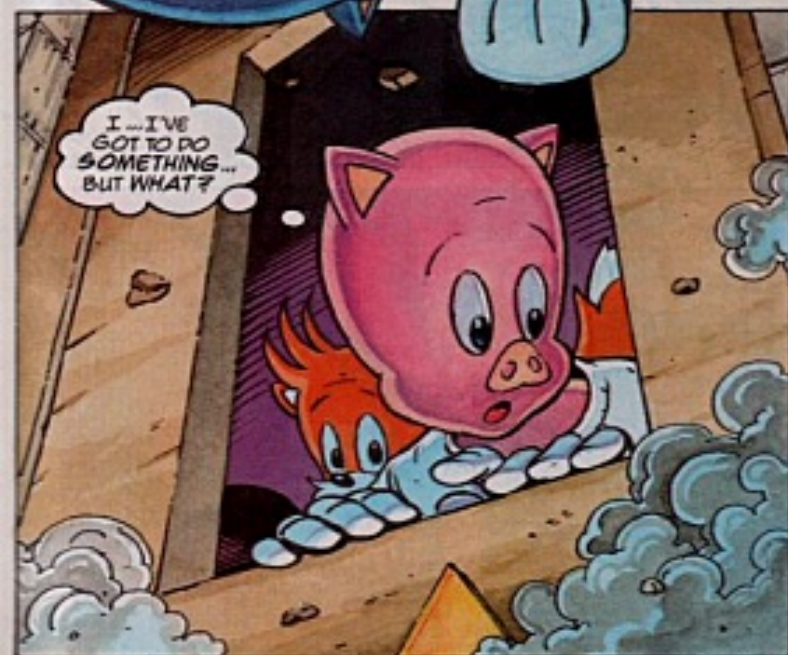
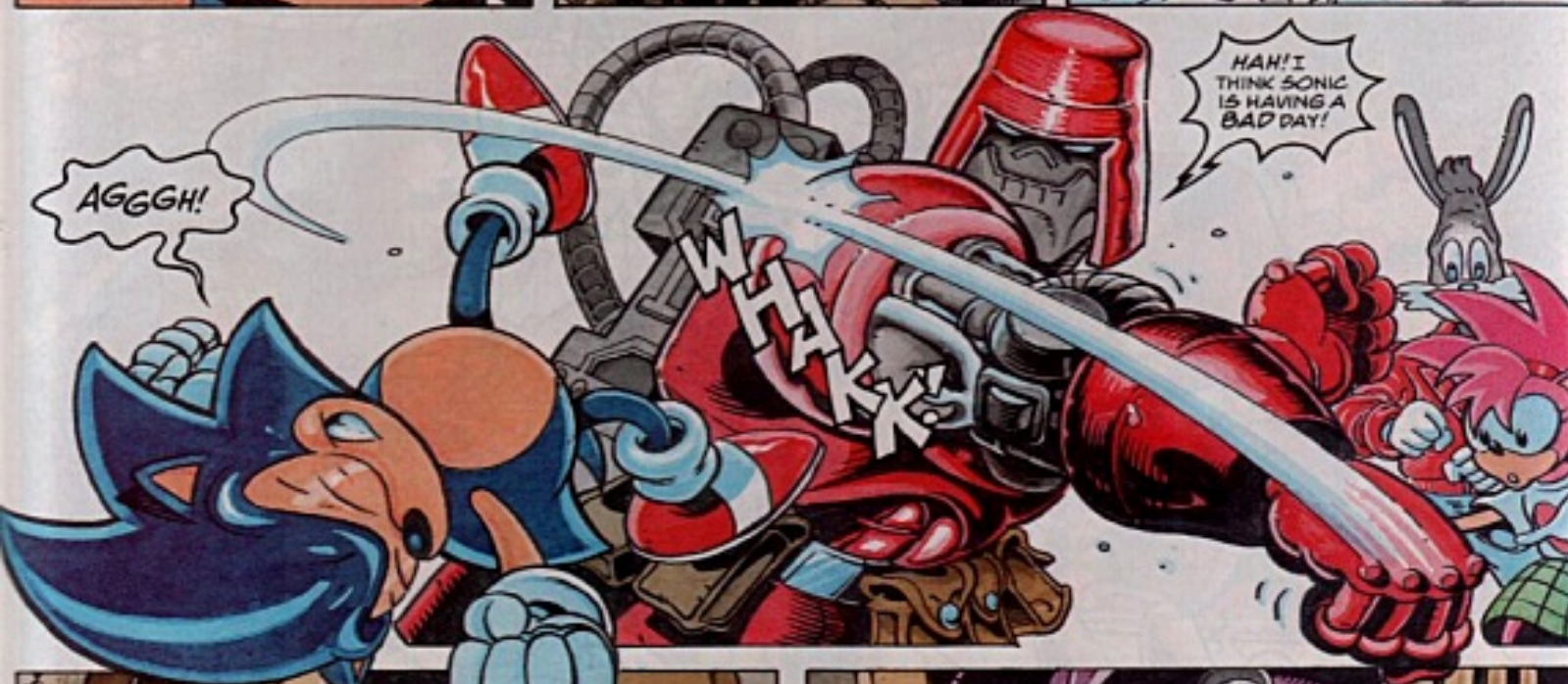
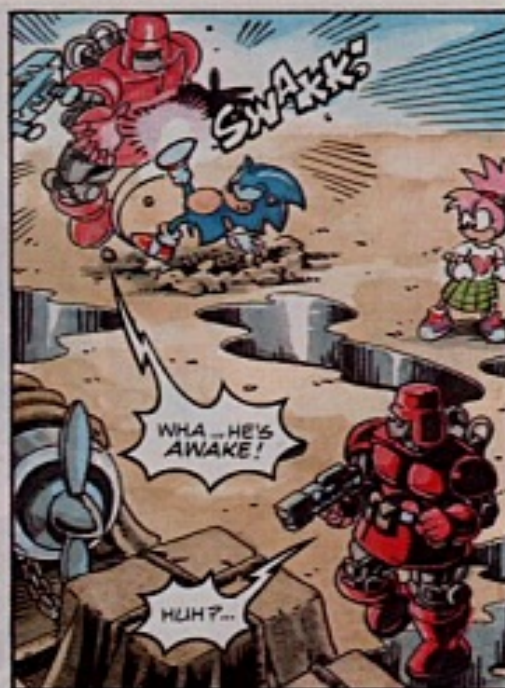
I ... I'M
SORRY ... REALLY,
I AM!
BEING
HELD CAPTIVE BY
THE BROTHERHOOD OF
METALLIX FOR A MONTH* ...
WAS JUST TOO MUCH
FOR ME!

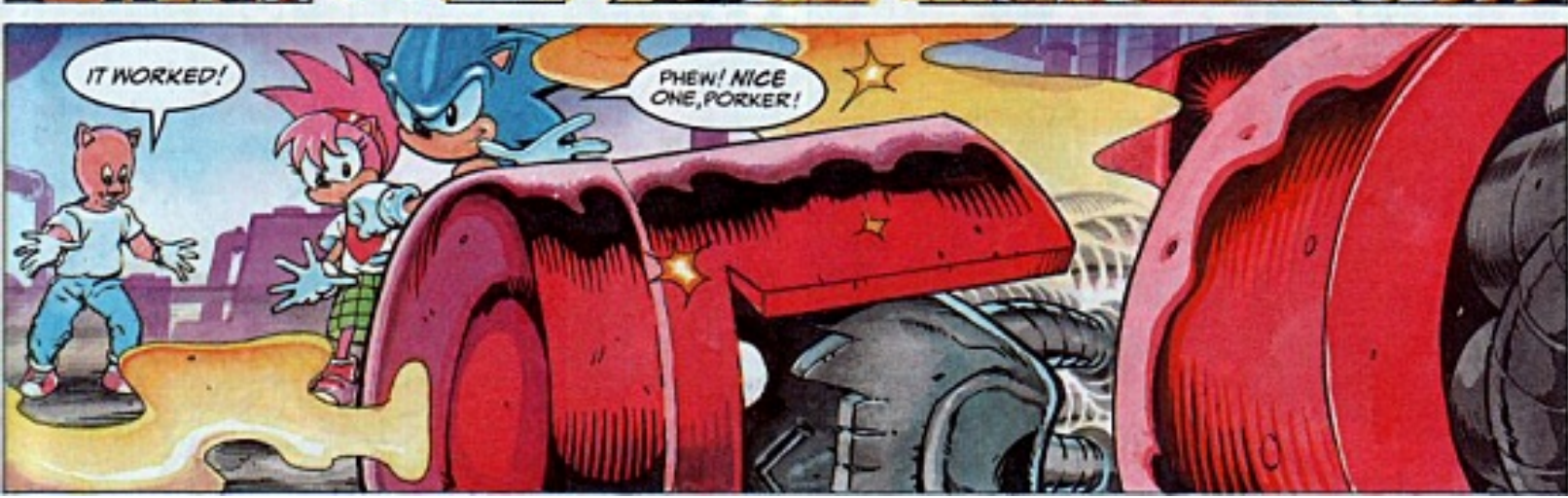
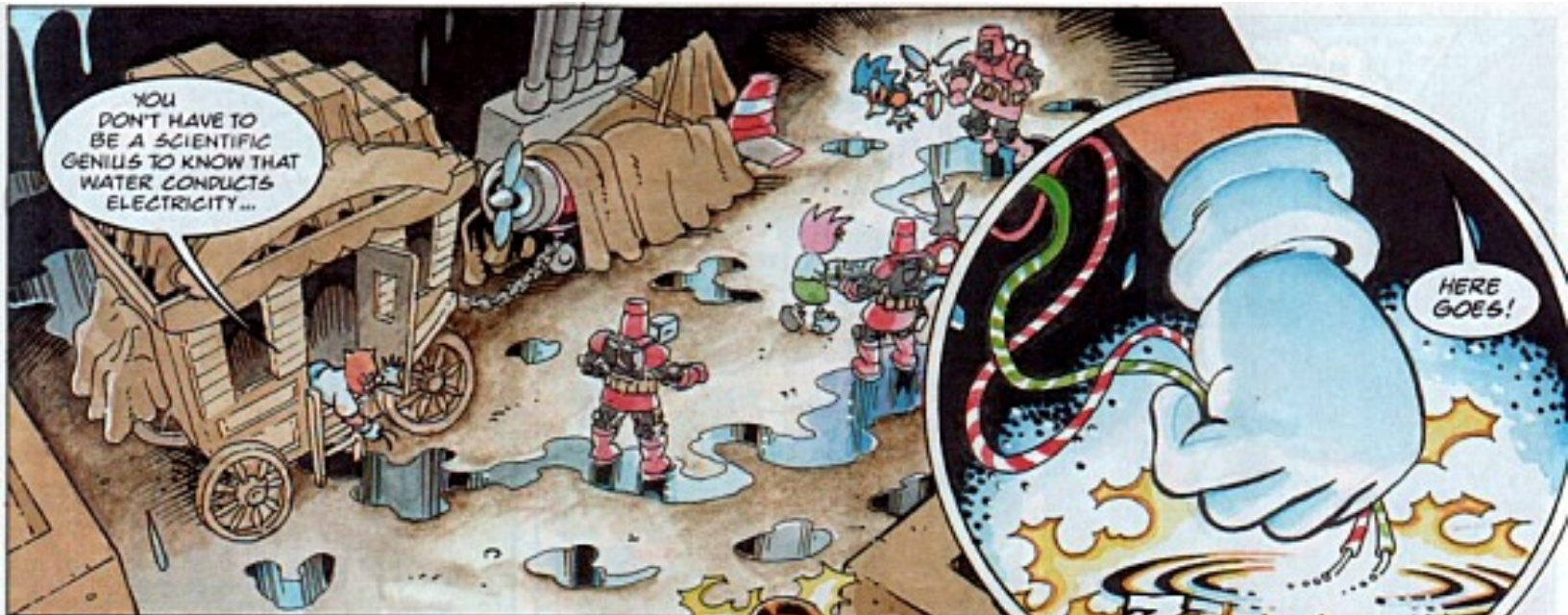
SEE STC #6B - MEGADROID.











EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.

WELL PORKER,
I GUESS THIS IS
GOODBYE!

I THINK YOU'LL
ENJOY LIVING ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND... THE EMERALD
HILL FOLK HAVE TURNED THE
MUSHROOM HILL ZONE INTO
AN IMPRESSIVE
PLACE!

I THINK
I WILL TOO,
SONIC.

UH PORKER,
WHAT I WAS SAYING
BEFORE... ABOUT YOU
BEING SOFT... I JUST
WANT TO SAY...

IT'S FORGOTTEN,
SONIC... BESIDES, I AM
SOFT!

HEY BUDDY,
WE WOULDN'T HAVE
YOU ANY OTHER
WAY!

WELL, I'LL SEE
YOU AROUND!

COUNT ON IT,
PORKER!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: VOICE
OF THE PEOPLE!

ST GEORGE'S

ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER. BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

What a talented bunch of Boomers you are. First you gave us the Green Zone for St Patrick's Day, now STC selects some eccentrically English tie-ins in time for St George's Day on 23 April.

Tails in shining armour!



Andrew Evans,
Batley, W Yorks.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Sonic wins the Grand National!



Vicki Marsh,
Bedminster, Bristol.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

An Ec-king-na's ransom!



Glen Porter,
N Ireland.
GG Owner.
Crayola
Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Sonic kops the cup!

Kevin Hogan, Co Tipperary, Ireland.
Please send full address details.



You can net be serious!



Daniel Hollinshead,
Halstead, Essex.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Robin Hog!



Dale Watson, Chesterfield.
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Will those sneakers be
allowed in the city?



Matthew Tovey,
Merseyside,
Liverpool.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

To help get your handywork selected in future
Graphic Zones, please take note of the following
tips:-

- * Draw in paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper
(avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they
don't show up as well when printed).
- * Be original and don't copy pictures from the

comic - come up with your own ideas.

- * Include your name and address, preferably
written in capital letters on the back of
the page.
- * Send artwork to:
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**EACH ARTIST-HUME
WHO GETS THEIR
HANDYWORK PRINTED
IN STC WILL RECEIVE
A PACK OF CRAYOLA
OVERWRITER COLOUR
FIBRE-TIPPED PENS.**



KNUCKLES

The GHOST SHIP

Part 3

Script:
NIGEL KITCHING
Art:
NIGEL BOBBY
Lettering:
GLORIA FELL

CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S PLANS
TO STEAL THE TANTARAGOR
IDOL HAVE GONE BADLY WRONG.

NOW THE IDOL'S RIGHTFUL
OWNERS HAVE RETURNED.

RESTORE
TO US THE IDOL,
OR FACE THE
CONSEQUENCES!



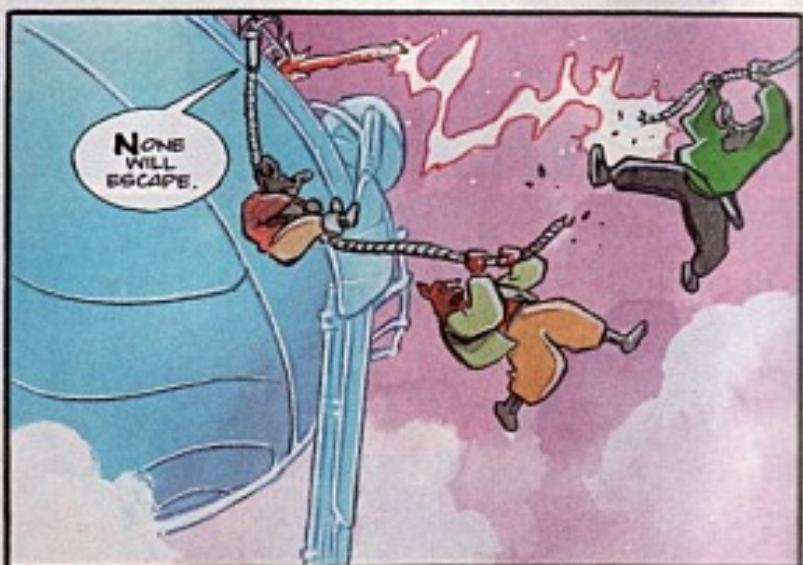
YOU SAID
THIS GHOST SHIP
WAS DESERTED,
PLUNDER!

JUST
WHAT HAVE
YOU GOT US INTO,
YOU STUPID
PIRATE?

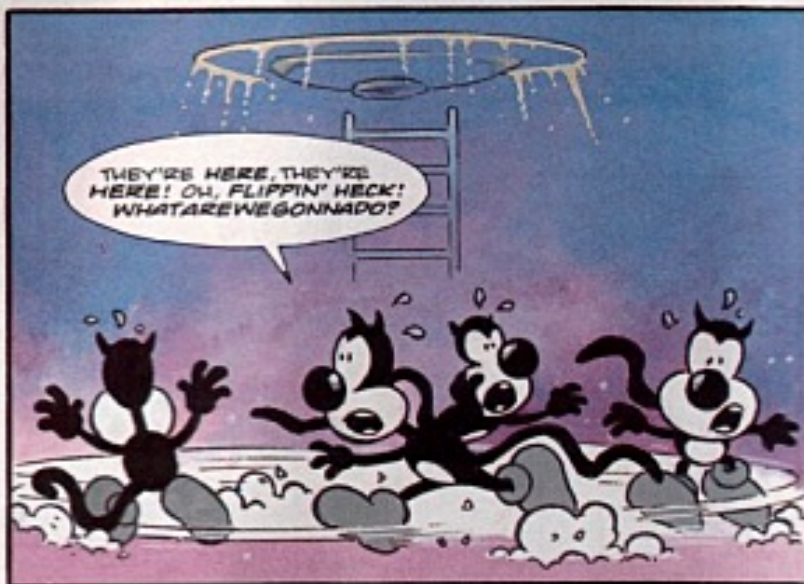


WE BE
NOT BEATEN YET,
NOT BY A LONG
CHALK! GET THEM
MATES!











STAND
CLOSE BY ME
LADS!



HAH!
I KNEW I'D FATHOM
HOW TO WORK THIS
CONTRAPTION!



SEE?
IT BROUGHT
US RIGHT
HERE!



NEXT ISSUE: PIRATE TOWN!

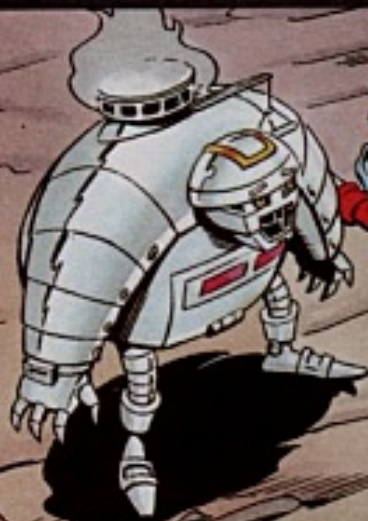
SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE
OF ZEON Part 5

THE SHINING FORCE'S MISSION TO STOP BARON KADAVAR IN HIS ATTEMPT TO FREE ZEON FROM THE ABYSS APPEARS TO HAVE ENDED IN TRAGEDY...

TAYA,
YOUR MAGICAL
HEALING POWERS...
ARE YOU ABLE
TO...

THERE'S
NOTHING I CAN DO,
CHESTER... BOWIE'S
DYING!



LOOK, IT'S
MAX! HE'S
CONTACTING US
THROUGH THE
SWORD AGAIN!



MAXIMILLIAN,
EVERYTHING'S GONE
WRONG! A ZEONITE WITH
AN EXPLODING WAND
HAS HURT BOWIE AND...

WAND?
AH, YOU MEAN A
PISTOL! YES, THOSE
THINGS ARE
DANGEROUS!



GIVE ME
SOME ROOM WHILE I
TAKE A LOOK AT THE
BOY...









MEANWHILE ON GRANSEAL ISLAND...



YOU'RE RIGHT ERIK, THIS DOOR HAS BEEN FORCED OPEN!



THE DOOR'S JAMMED SHUT AGAIN... IT MUST BE SECURED ON THE OTHER SIDE!

YOU... YOU THINK THERE'S SOMEBODY INSIDE THE TOWER?

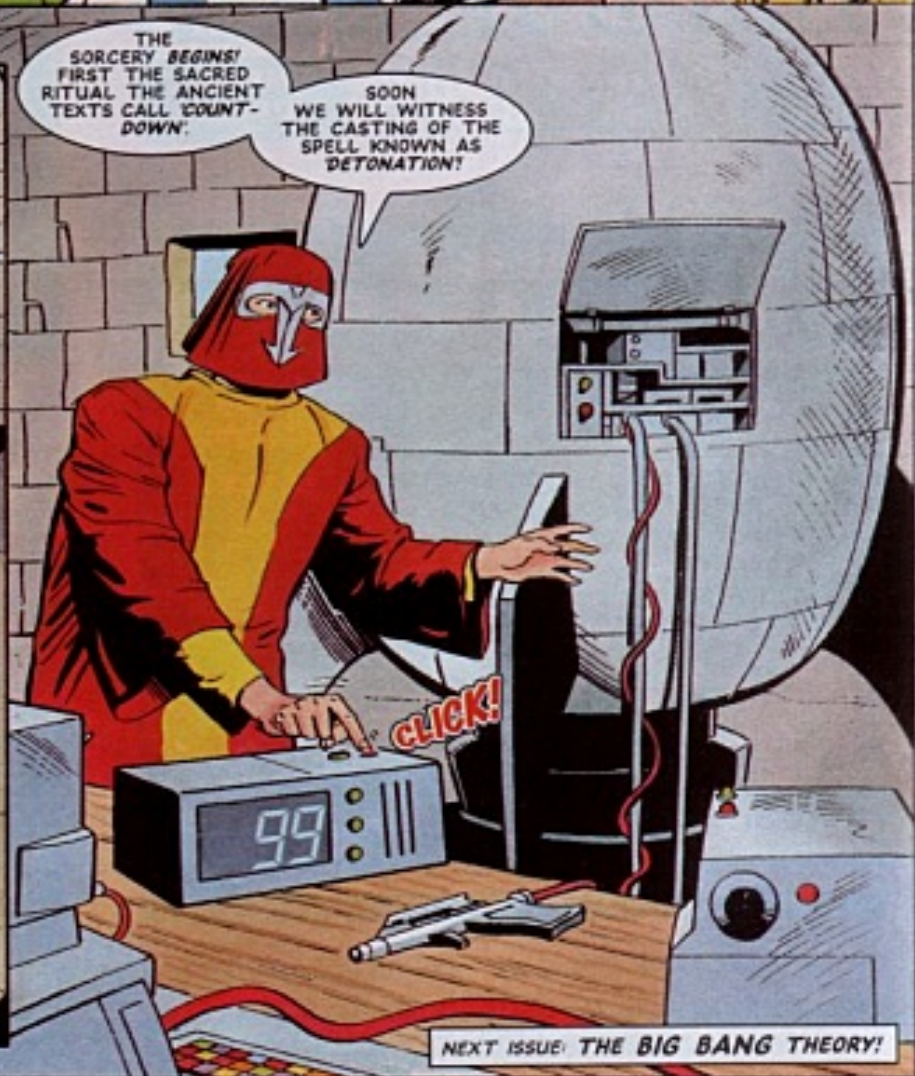


YES... PROBABLY FOLLOWERS OF ZEON.

BUT NOTHING CAN BREAK THE SEAL WHICH HOLDS THAT MONSTER PRISONER IN THE ABYSS... I HOPE.



SOON THIS SEAL WILL BE BROKEN... ONCE MORE ZEON WILL RETURN TO THIS WORLD!



THE SORCERY BEGINS! FIRST THE SACRED RITUAL THE ANCIENT TEXTS CALL 'COUNT-DOWN'.

SOON WE WILL WITNESS THE CASTING OF THE SPELL KNOWN AS DETONATION!

CLICK!

NEXT ISSUE: THE BIG BANG THEORY!



Q ZONE

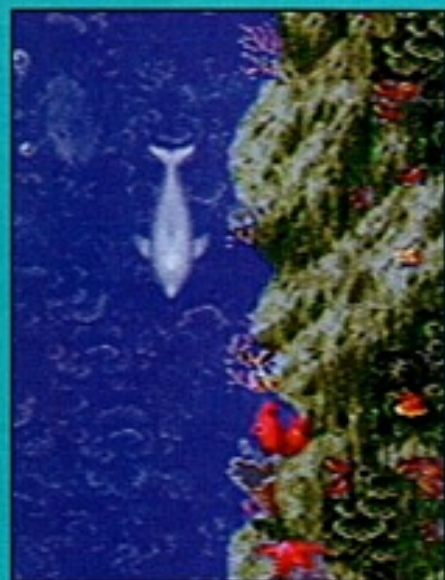
Q IS FOR QUESTION.

Q IS FOR QUERY.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

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ECCO

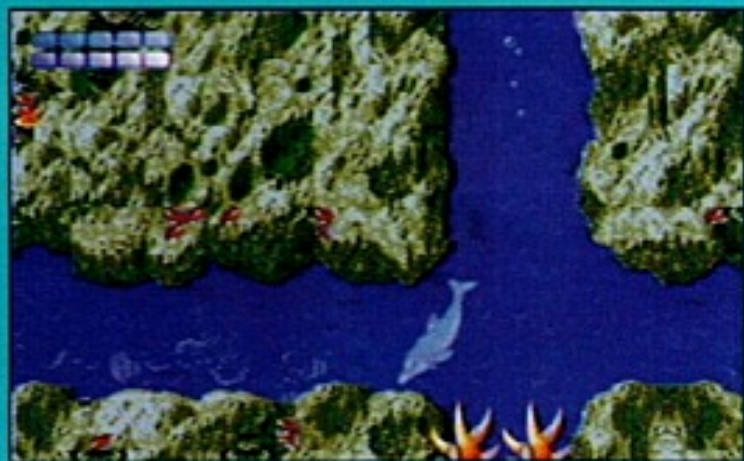
THE DOLPHIN



MEGA
DRIVE

STC presents the second
splashing part of Chris
Jones' pool of passwords,
so for all of you still in

deep water with the classic Ecco the Dolphin game,
don your wet suit and plunge in ...

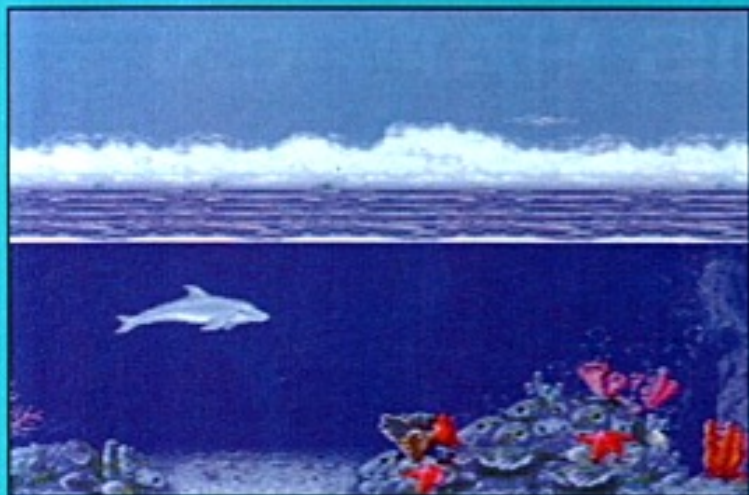


CLASSIC GAMES TIPS REVISITED

The codes and cheats listed below are guaranteed to be accurate. Pay attention when entering them and you will get the most from Ecco's aquatic antics!

So, to name just a few fin fans: Ian Jackson from Teignmouth, Christopher Coulstock from South Glamorgan, Karen Mayes from Kent, Andrew Chan from Cambridge and Luke Ruby from Devon, here's what you want to know about the original Ecco game.

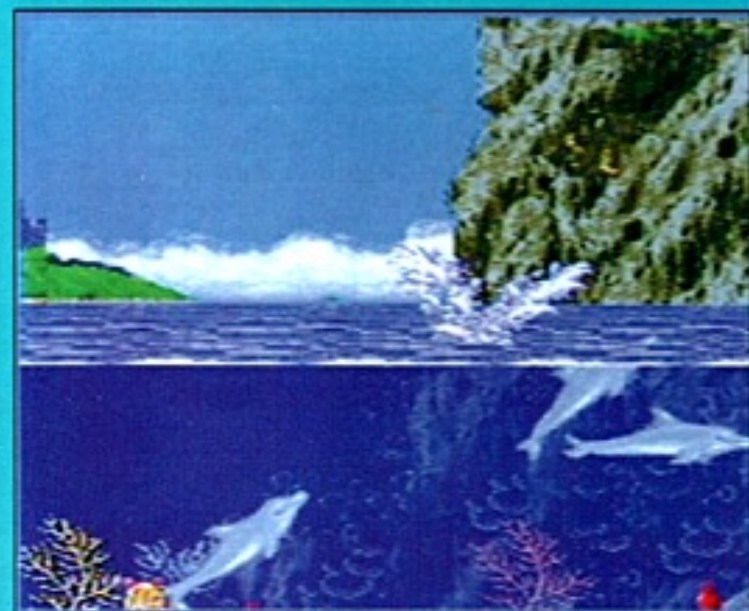
A top tip is to bear in mind that the Ecco game is a puzzle solving adventure (as is Ecco: The Tides of Time). If there is something on a level that you have never seen before, such as a swimming turtle, odds are that you will require it to solve a puzzle and move on to the next stage. Look around and use your resources. Also, always use your **Echolocation** if you cannot find something. Go to each corner of the screen and map away!



LEVEL NAME

PASSWORDS

- | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------|
| 1. | The Undercaves | WEFIDNMP |
| 2. | The Undercaves 2 | DQDIACCI |
| 3. | The Vents | YFPALFBJ |
| 4. | The Lagoon | QNIELFBG |
| 5. | Ridge Water | TWLDVRET |
| 6. | Open Ocean | FSSOVRET |
| 7. | Ice Zone | RYUEYREG |
| 8. | Hard Water | NIFBYREU |
| 9. | Cold Water | ARNXXRET |
| 10. | Island Zone | HUABVRES |
| 11. | Deep Water | EGTHVREA |



LEVEL NAME

PASSWORDS

- | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------|
| 12. | The Marble Sea | CWRLXRES |
| 13. | The Library | FCNPXREB |
| 14. | Deep City | BTFIXREZ |
| 15. | City of Forever | PAYUXREZ |
| 16. | Jurassic Beach | QQZTAPER |
| 17. | Pterandon Pond | EITXAPEV |
| 18. | Origin Beach | UTQBBPEY |
| 19. | Trilobite Circle | YZNGBPEK |
| 20. | Dark Water | JBNKBPEB |
| 21. | Deep Water | WSGAKNLC |
| 22. | City of Forever | RLGLGPLZ |
| 23. | The Tube | GCNHKMLJ |
| 24. | The Machine | DKUDKMLR |
| 25. | The Last Fight | KTPMLMLM |



NEXT ISSUE: MICRO MACHINES '96.

TAILS IS ESCORTING TANTRUM THE MOUSE BACK TO HIS HOME IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED FLEABYTE...

TAILS!

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Art:
CARL FLINT
Colouring:
JOHN M. BURNS
Lettering:
STEVE POTTER

FOX ON THE RUN

Part 4

YOU CRITTERS SURE WILL
FETCH ME A BIG REE-WARD
FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
SPECIALLY YOU, FOX!
HYUK,

YEAH!
YOU'RE EXPECTING
ROBOTNIK TO HONOUR
HIS DEBTS THEN,
FLEABYTE?



WATCH
WHUT YUH SAY ABOUT
OUR GLORIOUS RULER, VARMINT!
AIN'T NOBODY FAIRER THAN
THE GOOD DOC AN' THAT'S
A FACT!

I
WONDERED
IF I'D MEET ANYONE
STUPID ENOUGH TO
BELIEVE ROBOTNIK'S
SIDE OF THE
STORY!

SOB!
WE'RE NOT
GONNA GET OUT OF
THIS ONE ARE WE,
TAILS?

ERM...
I'LL THINK
OF SOMETHING,
TANTRUM!

I'VE GOT
TO FIGURE A
WAY OUT OF THIS...
TANTRUM IS
DEPENDING
ON ME!



C'MON!
ANOTHER FEW
MILES AN' I CAN HAND
YUH IN FER A FAT
REWARD! HYUK,
HYUK!

IF
YOU WERE A
PROPER BOUNTY
HUNTER YOU'D HAVE
A HORSE! OW!
OUCHE!

DRAG!

SHUT
YUH SQUEAKIN'
RODENT! I'LL BUY LOTS
OF HORSES WHEN AH GETS
THE MONEY FER YOU
TWO! HYUK!

NOW'S MY
CHANCE!

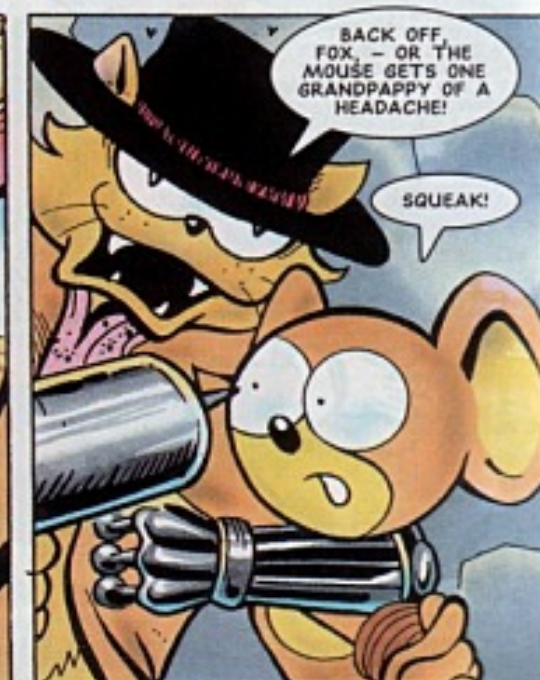
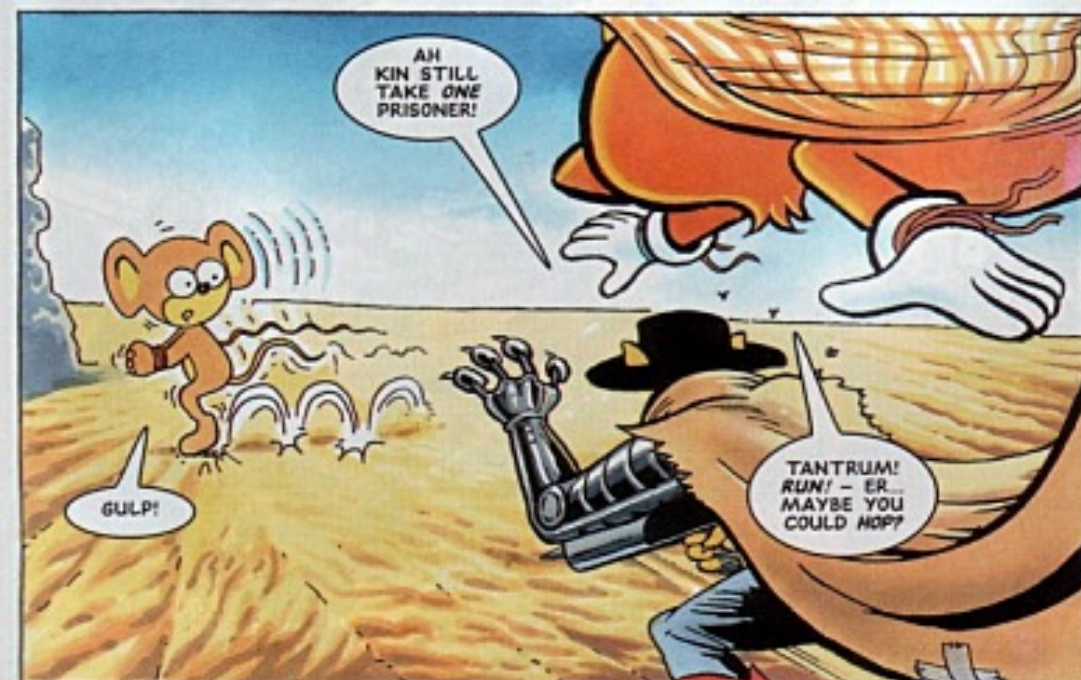
YOU
MAY HAVE TIED
MY ARMS AND LEGS,
BUT YOU FORGOT
ABOUT MY TAIL,
DUMBO!

WHU-?
COME BACK
HERE, FOX!

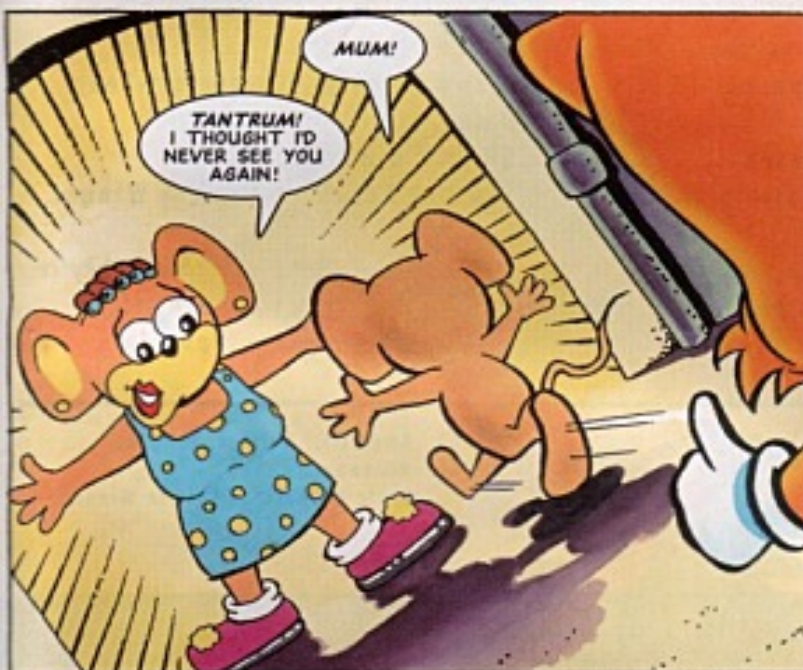
LET'S SEE
HOW YOU LIKE BEING
PULLED ALONG,
FLEABYTE!

WHOOAA!

DARN
VARMINT! I'LL
BLAST YUH
OUTTA THE
SKY!









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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

The
pressure's
too much
for Porker!



Yvonne Waddell, Glasgow, Scotland.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

DOG GONE!

Dear Megadroid,

STC 72's scratch 'n' sniff sticker was terrible! My dog took one whiff and ran off faster than Sonic and Knuckles put together!

Karl Jones, Gwynedd, Wales.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



In this case, Karl, I'm glad I only have a sense of humour, and not a sense of smell!

TIGHT FISTED KNUCKLES!

Dear Megadroid,

Please could you tell me Knuckles' surname, age and birthplace as I am the tax collector for the Floating Island, and it seems to me that he needs to pay his bills!



The Tax Inspector (Adam Hodgson),
Twickenham, Middlesex.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Not even an echidna escapes paying tax, eh?

GRUESOME TWOSOME!

Dear Megadroid,

I would like Sega to make a fighting game starring Porker and Johnny as I think they're both under used. They could both use big poles as their weapons.

Jason Francis, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

GG, MD & MS owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Don't you think they're given enough stick already, Jason!

Sonic rests his legs and lets Ecco take the strain!



Amy Ellis, Halifax, W Yorks.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

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NEXT ISSUE

FREE BUTTON COVERS!

THEY'RE ...



COMPLETE STORY

SONIC!
UPRISING!

KNUCKLES!
UPROAR!

REVIEW ZONE!
TOY STORY!

NEW TWO PARTER

SONIC'S WORLD!
REVOLUTION!

SHINING FORCE!
OUTRAGE!

Q-ZONE!
MICRO MACHINES '96!

STC 77

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DATA STRIP

I'VE BEEN READING
STC SINCE ...

ISSUE

MY FAVOURITE ...

FILM/VIDEO IS

BAND/SINGER IS

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG

☐

MCD

☐

MD

☐

MM

☐

MS

☐

32X

☐

SATURN

☐

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S
MEGA HITS!

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 76

%



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